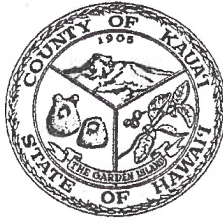


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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m., Conf. Room 229

TESTIMONY ON **GM 522**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
FORD FUCHIGAMI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr. Mayor, County of Kaua'i, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami is being nominated to serve as the Director of the department for the term ending December 3, 2018. He is well respected in the state for his leadership and knowledge relating to transportation issues and has been involved in our counties issues and concerns.

Mr. Fuchigami provides a broad perspective on transportation with his past experience in charge of the state airports. He is an asset to our community and continues to demonstrate his willingness to serve the people of this state by taking on this role.

I consider it an honor to have Mr. Fuchigami serve in this capacity as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present testimony on this confirmation.

Sincerely,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Goode	County of Maui	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee: I fully support the nomination of Mr. Fujigami as Director of the Department of Transportation. I worked with Ford in the last administration on a few projects of mutually interest in the County of Maui and found him be responsive, action oriented, communicative, and not afraid to take on challenges. He is the right guy for the job. Mahalo, David Goode Director, Department of Public Works, County of Maui

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Mark B. Dunkerley
President & CEO

Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 2:45 PM
GM522 Consideration and Confirmation of Ford Fuchigami

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation,

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Many of us at Hawaiian Airlines have had the pleasure of working with Ford during his time with DOT, first as deputy director of the Airports Division and then as interim director of the department. He has impressed us all with the integrity and tenacity with which he has pushed forward with the state's airport modernization program.

Managing the state's transportation infrastructure requires the ability to understand the desires and needs of many different businesses and constituents. To do this job well requires a both a commitment to careful consideration of all points of view and the ability to make decisions based on what is best for all users. It requires a commitment to push forward and overcome the obstacles which can stymie progress. I cannot think of a person more capable of performing this complex and demanding job than Ford.

I respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment.

Mahalo,

Mark Dunkerley, President & CEO
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David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii supports the confirmation of Gubenatorial nominee, Ford Fuchigami, as the Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on December 3, 2018.

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**GM 522
FORD FUCHIGAMI
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIRECTOR**

**MEREDITH CHING
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.**

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong support for the confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I have known Ford since 2011, when he was the Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation (Airports Division) and we were both working on our state's hosting of the APEC conference. The arrival experience for the APEC delegates and their aides was a huge focus of the Hawaii Host Committee, and we worked closely with Ford for over a year. It was the unanimous opinion of the Host Committee that Ford did an excellent job, ensuring a welcoming and efficient arrival and departure experience for the over 20,000 conference attendees, most of whom hailed from the Asia/Pacific region. Ford was known to be easy to work with, knowledgeable and responsive.

I have also worked with Ford during his prior tenure as Interim DOT Director, and note that the same skills that he displayed during the APEC experience bode very well for the Department of Transportation and its mission to the people of Hawaii. Given his background, I have no doubt that Ford has the skills, intellect and perspective to

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effectively oversee and manage the department's multi-million dollar operating and capital improvement budgets, and to seek ways to efficiently improve and modernize this state's infrastructure. He also has excellent people skills, which is evidenced in his excellent working relationships with his staff and his outside audiences, including the State Legislature.

His intelligence, dedication and commitment are positive attributes that will continue to be of tremendous benefit to the State Department of Transportation.

Based on the above, I strongly support Ford Fuchigami's appointment as Director of the State Department of Transportation, and urge your favorable consideration. We are all extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable leader in this key administrative position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony by Harry Saunders
President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

Before the Senate Committee on TRANSPORTATION
February 24, 2015; 2:45 p.m.; Room 229

In Support of GM 522
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF FORD FUCHIGAMI
For
Director of the Department of Transportation

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

We support the nomination of FORD FUCHIGAMI for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Fuchigami's outstanding leadership skills and familiarity with both State and County governments will be a key link to a successful working relationship as we face today's transportation challenges.

Mr. Fuchigami has already earned the respect of his staff as Interim Director and Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation with his excellent management skills combined with his extensive experience in business development and operations.

Mr. Fuchigami is very capable and will transition well as he manages an O&M budget of \$900 million, with a staff of 3,750 employees, to overcome the challenges dealing with our airports, harbors and highways.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Please contact me at 548-4863 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair
and members
Senate Committee on Transportation
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support for GM522, nominating Ford Fuchigami as Director of DOT

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members,

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We are in support of the nomination of Ford Fuchigami as Director of the Department of Transportation. As a Deputy Director within the department from 2011-2014, and subsequently as Interim Director of the department from May to October 2014, Mr. Fuchigami possesses a deep knowledge of the department's workings and will be able to successfully advance the department's mission of planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining State facilities in all modes of transportation, including air, water, and land.

Therefore, we humbly request your committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Fuchigami's nomination to serve as Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,



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Statement of
DANIEL A. GRBAUSKAS
Executive Director and CEO, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
GM522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

It is with great pleasure that I submit my written testimony in strong support of Ford Fuchigami during his confirmation as the Hawaii Director of Department of Transportation (HDOT).

Ford Fuchigami is uniquely qualified for this appointment having served as the Interim Director of the HDOT from May through October 2014 and previously as Deputy Director of HDOT Airports Division. As the HDOT Interim Director, I have had an opportunity to work with Mr. Fuchigami in his capacity as an ex-officio board member of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). During his tenure on the HART Board, Mr. Fuchigami has contributed in a manner that has served well the interests of the State and he has provided critical direction and coordination on HART's efforts to construct the Honolulu Rail Transit Project. Mr. Fuchigami is a problem solver focused on finding solutions to challenges.

Mr. Fuchigami has the skills and experience to perform his duties as the Director of HDOT and I highly recommend him to the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Statement of
BRENNON T. MORIOKA
Deputy Executive Director, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2015
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In consideration of
GM522

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Transportation,
Gubernatorial Nominee, FORD FUCHIGAMI, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Brennon Morioka and I am Deputy Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART). I am honored to support the nomination by Governor David Ige, of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Transportation.

HART has had an excellent working relationship with Mr. Fuchigami concerning matters relating to the Honolulu Rail Transit Project as a member of the HART Board of Directors. He understands and has administered directions and management control over the Airports, Harbors and Highways divisions of HDOT, which are critical to his continued success.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of Ford Fuchigami.

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Brian Miyamoto	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony of Devon Nekoba

In regards: CONFIRMATION OF FORD FUCHIGAMI AS DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION

Before the Hawaii State Senate – Committee on Transportation

February 24, 2015

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and committee members,

My name is Devon Nekoba, and I would like to submit my testimony in support of Mr. Ford Fuchigami as the Director of Transportation (DOT).

During his time as Director of Transportation and Deputy Director of Airports under the previous administration, Ford has shown time and time again his willingness to lead by example and be accountable to the many groups that depend on and have interests in the Department of Transportation.

He has a well-deserved reputation for honesty and a commitment to finding solutions that are win-win for all parties involved. This has engendered a newfound level of trust regarding the DOT and encouraged groups that I have worked with to believe that with Ford in charge, the job will get done.

I wholeheartedly endorse his confirmation as Director of Transportation, and I thank the Committee for this opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

Devon Nekoba

Hawaii Representative for the Cruise Line International Association, North West and Canada

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF
FORD FUCHIGAMI AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

February 24, 2015

To: Chairman Clarence Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on
Transportation:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii and have been primarily involved in government affairs for various clients. I am testifying in strong support of Ford Fuchigami as the Director of the Department of Transportation (DOT).

I have had the opportunity to work on several issues for various clients with Mr. Fuchigami and found him to be fair and willing to listen to all sides of the issue we were working on. He has a very positive attitude and is interested in solving the problems and/or issues that he is confronted with. I feel that this is one of his strengths besides his administrative ability.

Further, when Mr. Fuchigami was appointed the Director of the Department of Enterprise Services at the City and County of Honolulu in November 2014, I had the opportunity to work with him on a problem that had existed for several months. Because of his ability to focus on the issue at hand, tremendous progress was made to resolve the situation in a matter of two weeks.

His administrative ability and skills and his ability to listen to everyone and to solve problems makes him well suited to be the Director of the Department of Transportation.

I wholeheartedly support his nomination and urge this committee to recommend him for this position and for the Senate to confirm him as the Director of the DOT.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.